Minor Irrigation Works in South Travancore.

89. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the taluks of South Travancore in which minor irrigation works are carried on at present (Karkatakam 1103);

(*b*) whether the liability to pay one-half the costs is compulsorily imposed on the people of those taluks; and

(*c*) if any taluk or taluks have been exempted from this liability, the names of the taluks so exempted and whether such exemption will be extended to the other taluks of South Travancore as well?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Tovala, Agastisvaram, Kalkulam including old Eraniel, Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara.

(*b*) The member is referred to Rule III of the Revised Rules under the Irrigation Regulation, III of 1072, issued under date the 20th May 1923.

(*c*) The names of the taluks exempted from the above rule are mentioned in the *proviso* thereto. In the absence of special reasons, the Government do not think that the exemption can be extended to other taluks.

Assembling of Umbrellas by the Industries Department.

90. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long the work of assembling of umbrellas has been carried on by the Department of Industries;

(*b*) the total expenditure incurred up to date (3-12-1103) on this industry;

(*c*) the total income derived from this industry;

(*d*) whether this industry is now thriving; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Director of Industries proposed to give the monopoly of this industry to some one in Alleppey?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The department carried on only some trials in the assembling of umbrellas and these trials took only a day or two.

(*b*) Rs. 128 ch. 1 c. 9.

(*c*) This industry was not started on a commercial scale in view to derive any income. But a sum of Rs. 10-14 chs. was realised by the sale of three of the assembled umbrellas.

(*d*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the final word on 'assembling of umbrellas' has been said by the Department of Industries?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) What does the member mean by *final word*? I do not understand it

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : The department carried on some trials in the assembling of umbrellas and the trials took only a day or two. With reference to part (*b*) of the answer I wish to know whether this expenditure incurred (Rs. 128 and odd) was with reference to the trials which lasted only for a day or two.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The expenditure was incurred on account of the purchase of parts of umbrellas.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the answer to part (*c*) that this particular industry was not carried on a commercial or economic basis, may I know whether the question as to whether it could be carried on a commercial or economic basis has been investigated and the final word pronounced by the Department of Industries ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It was never started on a commercial basis.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Was there any recommendation from the Department ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The final word will be given when the remaining parts are sold away by the department.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Am I to understand that nothing has been settled as to the further carrying on of the industry or of stopping it ?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It was only a trial that was made and the trial has ceased.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the trial period is over or not ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that. The trial has ceased. There are a few parts of umbrellas in the Director's office. As soon as they are sold, nothing else will be heard of this question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : In the report of the department for the year 1102, it is stated that 'umbrella assembling' cannot be continued further. May I know, then, what is the basis on which the previous answer is based ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The member asked whether the final word has been said on the matter ; and so I said that he must wait until the remaining parts are sold.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : It has been stated in the report of the department that it was not desirable to continue the industry any further. Is that not the final word on the question ?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) ; The member may take it like that.

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